

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION**

364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Concerning

**RESCISSION OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
ORDER 98-181
FOR
THIARA BROTHERS FARMS
BUTTE COUNTY**

Thiara Brothers Farms (Discharger) rinse water disposal system, located in Butte County, discharges wastewater in accordance with Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) Order 98-181, adopted by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) on 11 September 1998.

The Central Valley Water Board adopted Resolution R5-2015-005 for Waiver of Waste Discharge Requirements for Small Food Processors, Wineries, and Related Agricultural Processors within the Central Valley Region. Central Valley Water Board staff requested the Discharger submit a Report of Waste Discharge (ROWD). The Discharger informed Central Valley Water Board staff that the rinse water disposal location had changed. Previously, four trenches were dug at the beginning of the process season and rinse water was discharged to these trenches, then at the close of the process season the trenches were back filled and leveled. The Discharger now routes rinse water to the adjacent orchard for flood irrigation. The Discharger additionally indicated that no significant changes were made to the nature of the rinse water since the adoption of WDR Order 98-181.

On 25 February 2019, the Central Valley Water Board issued a Notice of Applicability to the Discharger, to enroll them in Resolution R5-2015-0005; therefore, WDR Order 98-181 is no longer required.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider rescinding WDR Order 98-181. A public hearing to address this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting which is scheduled for:

DATE: 4/5 April 2019
TIME: 8:30 a.m.
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
1685 "E" Street
Fresno, CA, 93706-2007

The designated parties for this hearing are as follows:

- Thiara Brothers Farms

Designated parties but not interested persons will have these rights: to call and examine witnesses; to cross-examine opposing witnesses; to impeach any witness; and to rebut the evidence against him or her. Central Valley Water Board staff will prepare the administrative record, and may present evidence, make an oral presentation and cross-examine opposing witnesses.

Interested persons may not cross examine witnesses, and will not be subject to cross examination. Interested persons may submit evidence (e.g., photographs, eye-witness testimony, monitoring data) if the evidence is submitted in accordance with the deadlines for submitting evidence described below. Interested persons who present evidence may be subject to cross-examination. Interested persons may request status as a designated party for purposes of this hearing by submitting such request in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 pm on 29 March 2019**. The request must explain the basis for status as a designated party and in particular how the person is affected by the discharge.

The notification for the Planned Rescission of Waste Discharge Requirements was issued on **28 February 2019**. Persons wishing to comment on this item must submit testimony, evidence, if any, and/or comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **5:00 p.m. on 29 March 2019**. Written materials submitted after this date and time will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record if doing so would prejudice any party.

All designated parties and interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting, and are expected to orally summarize their written submittals. Oral testimony and cross examination will be limited in time by the Board Chair. Both designated parties and interested persons may be asked to respond to clarifying questions from Board members, counsel staff or others, at the discretion of the Board.

Anyone having questions on the tentative documents should contact Valerie Rasmussen at (530) 244-6130, or at Valerie.Rasmussen@waterboards.ca.gov. Interested parties may download the proposed Order and related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's Internet website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_decisions/adopted_orders/water_quality/wqo14.shtml

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 205, Redding, CA 96002 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The final meeting agenda will be available at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/board_info/agendas/

at least ten days before the meeting. The agenda will provide the dates the Board meeting will be held, indicate the anticipated order of agenda items, and may include staff revisions to the proposed order(s).

The procedures governing Central Valley Water Board meetings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and are available upon request.

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Hearings before the Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/laws_regulations/

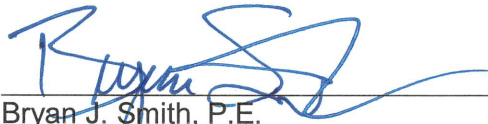
Information on meeting and hearing procedures is also available on the Board's website at:

www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_info/meetings/mtgprocd/shtml

or by contacting any one of the Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839.

The hearing facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Kiran Lanfranchi-Rizzardi at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



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